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LETTER REQUESTING PRE-GRANT PUBLICATION

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Specifically, a patent application publication is based on "the application papers deposited on the filing date of the application ... and ... drawings in compliance with §1.84" See 37 C.F.R. §1.215(a).

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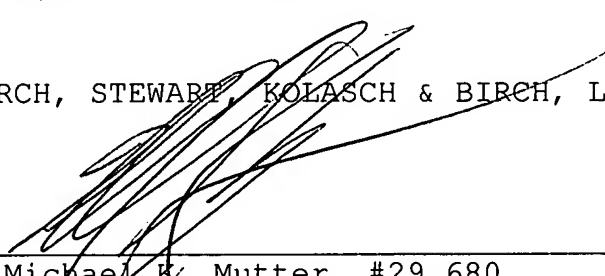
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